and also for better understanding of the problems faced by the women.

(iii) Gender sensitization courses are being conducted for the staff of the Crime Against Women Cell.

(iv) Crime against Women Cells have also been set up in every Police District of Delhi as far as possible under supervision of a woman police officer of the rank of Inspector/Assistant Commissioner of Police to effectively deal with these complaints at District level; and

(v) Regular meetings, seminars, etc. are held to improve the working of Crime Against Women Cell and to adopt new methods of investigation and counselling in the cases of crime against women.

Prisoners in jail without trial

4757. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prisoners kept in various jails of the country as on 1st January, 2000;

(b) the number of them who are in jails without trial and since when;

(c) the specific reasons for keeping them in jails without trial;

(d) what action is proposed against erring officials responsible for their deplorable plight; and

(e) whether any amendment in the existing laws is proposed to pay the damages to prisoners who have spent valuable time of their lives and are released subsequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI):

(a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indian Security Scenario *vis-a-vis* Israel

4758. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home Minister on a recent visit to Israel found that security in that country was unobtrusive;

(b) whether it is a fact that the security in India was visible and had become a status symbol though Government in fact had a greater responsibility in providing security to the common man;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more politicians and some officials are being given more security on the basis of the positions they held; and

(d) if so, what corrective measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Home Minister did not visit Israel recently.

(b) These issues have been addressed in the New Policy on the Security of Individuals announced by the Government on 7.2.2000.

(c) and (d) Government have a duty to see that persons in public life, who invite the wrath of militants or terrorists, are given due protection. The list of protectees is, therefore, periodically reviewed. Security is increased, reduced or withdrawn, depending upon the latest threat perception.

Conditions of soldiers at Kutch

†4759. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has deeply studied the conditions of the soldiers posted at borders during his meeting with them in the border district of Kutch;

(b) if so, the details of assessment made by him;

(c) whether he has formulated any scheme to remove their difficulties faced by them due to lack of facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a)to(e) The working and living conditions of our troops posted in the Rann of Kutch are very difficult owing to harsh climate and presence of health hazards like saline atmosphere and water, poisonous reptiles, etc. The Government is making every effort to remove their difficulties.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.